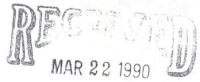


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March 20, 1990

Mr. Wayne Hedberg
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Dear Wayne:

Thank you for inviting Lyle Stott and Mack Croft to the meeting with Hecla Mining, February 27, 1990, regarding the reclamation of the tailings pond near Escalante, Utah. We would like to review the final plans when they are completed, which proposes a closure date in 1994. They should continue monitoring the wells and the drain system until closure is completed.

Please give Lyle or Mack a call at 538-6146, if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Mize, Manager

Ground Water Protection Section Bureau of Water Pollution Control

cc:

Hecla Mine, Escalante Utah Wayne Thomas, St. George, Utah

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